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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicants hereby bring to the attention of the USPTO the patents, publications, and/or other information shown on the attached PTO-1449 forms in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application.

The patents, publications, and/or other information listed on the attached PTO-1449 forms were cited by the Applicant, the Examiner or in a communication from a European Patent Office in association with parent application U.S.S.N. 09/568,106 filed May 10, 2000, from which the present above-identified application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §120. Accordingly, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(d), the Applicants are not required to furnish copies of these documents, although the Applicants will promptly provide copies of any of such documents upon the Examiner's request.

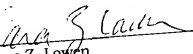
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Neither the Applicants nor their attorney make any representation that more pertinent art does not exist. It is anticipated that the Examiner will conduct a thorough search of the art and will carefully consider the documents cited herein.

Early consideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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